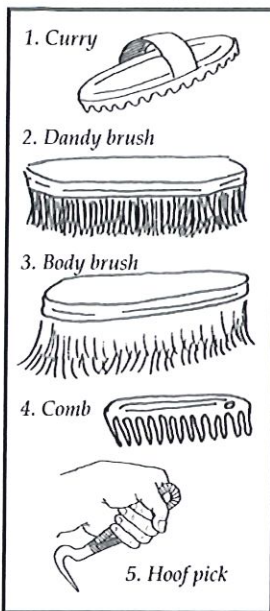


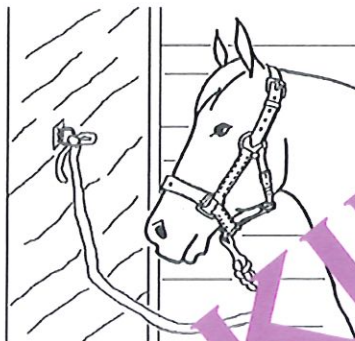
Halter the horse and secure him in a set of cross ties or to the stall wall with a quick-release knot at the ring bolted there. See the *Safety & Horse Sense* poster for a quick-release knot instructional diagram.



Brush first with the curry (hard rubber brush) then the dandy brush and finally with the body (softest) brush. Be especially thorough on the back, sides and girth areas. Comb the mane and tail if time permits. Hooves must be picked before and after use each day. Stand facing the back of the horse next to a leg. Slide your hand down the horse's leg as you lean slightly into his shoulder/thigh. When the horse picks up his foot, hold it in your hand and clean all the debris in a heel to toe

direction. Make sure there is nothing left to cause discomfort during class. Be mindful of where your feet are at all times, so if the horse should suddenly pull his foot out of your hand, you can avoid being stepped on.

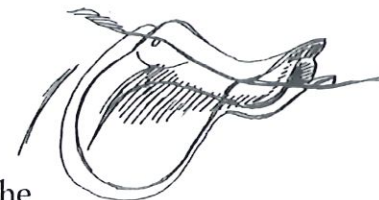
and back, around the neck of the horse. Hold the crownpiece in your right hand and the noseband (lower part of the bitless bridle) in your left. Guide the horse's nose through the noseband with the crossed straps behind his face while simultaneously pulling the crown piece up over and behind his ears. Buckle the noseband under his chin as tight as it will go. There should be room for only one finger between the horse's chin and the band. Attach the reins to the low hanging rings and the lead rope tether to the other set of rings that sit on the sides of the noseband. Remove the halter. Attach a green lead rope to the lead rope tether and lead the horse out of the tacking area and into the warm-up arena.



Make sure the tag on the tack matches the horse's name. Check the saddle and

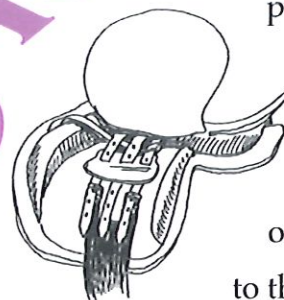
bridle for rips, or worn areas.

Put the saddle on first. Place saddle and pad forward on the



neck and slide back into place. Saddle pad loop attaches to the billet strap.

Attach the girth (non-elastic end) on the off (right) side of the horse. Buckle the girth to the first and third billet straps. Move to near



(left) side. If you must walk behind the horse, make sure he knows you are there; no sudden moves or noises. Pull the girth under the horse's belly and buckle snugly, but not tight. It will be tightened during or after warm-up. Run the stirrups up before leading the horse. Next, bridle the horse. Slip the halter off the face

